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FROM ATO

BEIRUT FOR RCO

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1. AS INITIAL STEP TO ATO PLANNING MUST KNOW FLOOR LOADING CAPABILITY OF SECOND FLOOR CHANCERY BUILDING. REQUEST CIVIL ENGINEERING SURVEY TO INCLUDE ENTIRE SECOND FLOOR AS ONE AREA MAY BE STRONGER THAN ANOTHER. SURVEY SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE EVALUATION OF WALL AT PROPOSED COMCENTER ENTRY TO DETERMINE IF WALL WILL SUPPORT 794 POUND VAULT DOOR.

2. AS QUESTION OF CONCEPT OF COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT AT NMANAMA STILL VERY MUCH IN FORMATIVE STAGES REQUEST DEPARTMENT ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR REFERENCE AND PROVIDE CONTINUING GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION ON MANAMA UPGRADE.

3. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES WISH POINT OUT THAT ATO TECHNICAL STAFF HEAVILY COMMITTED TO PLANNED SKYLINK UPGRADES IN NICOSIA AND ISTANBUL, CCC INSTALLATION IN DAMASCUS AND MAJOR TECHNICAL RENOVATIONS IN CAIRO, DHAHHRAN AND ATHENS. THEREFORE,

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STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT ALL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION MODIFICATIONS

BE COMPLETED BEFORE TECHNICIANS ARRIVE TO MOVE AND INSTALL
COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT. IN ANY CASE, SCHEDULING BEFORE
FIRST QUARTER 1976 WILL BE DIFFICULT.

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